B: TENTH FIVE YEAR PLAN (APRIL, 2005 TO MARCH, 2007)

(in lakh tonnes)

Date	Rice	Wheat	Total
1st April	122	40	162
1st July	98	171	269
1st October	52	110	162
1st January	118	82	200

However, in so far as national jute policy and rubber plantation scheme are concerned, the information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Scheme titled "Support to State Extension Reforms" is envisaged to contribute towards improving farm output by way of promoting decentralized and demand driven institutional set up at district and sub-district levels for technology dissemination, promotion of extension delivery to farmers through a range of extension service providers, encouraging greater coverage of women functionaries under different activities etc.

Indian Farmers Alliance

4643. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI BARUPAL:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian farmers alliance comprising representative bodies, covering virtually all agricultural commodities with economic value, is expected to become a reality by the end of April, 2005;

(b) if so, whether this new apex organization would be on the lines of the CII and its headquarters in Delhi; and

(c) if so, the main functions of this new apex body and to what extent it would be helpful to the farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) As observed in the press, the Confederation of Indian Farmers' Association (CIFA) is reported to have been conceived on the lines of Confederation of Indian Industries (CII). Its objective is to

promote the interests of farmers by placing their problems before the Government from time to time.

Development of Milch Cattle

†4644. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the possibilities of the development of milch cattle in the country;

(b) if so, the annual turnover of this industry, so far, along with the percentage of contribution of this industry towards the Gross Domestic Product of the country; and

(c) the number of part time and full time persons involved in this industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) For genetic upgradation of bovine population, a 100% centrally sponsored scheme "National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding (NPCBB)" is in operation since October, 2000. 26 States and 2 Union Territories are participating/implementing the scheme. Central assistance to the tune of Rs. 202.50 crores has been released to these States/UTs till date. In order to prevent outbreak of the diseases in livestock, funds are provided to States under the scheme, "Assistance to States for Control of Animal Diseases (ASCAD)" on 75:25 (central:state) sharing basis.

(b) The value of output from livestock sector in the national economy during 2003-04 at current prices was Rs. 1,64,509 crores and the percentage contribution of this sector towards the Gross Domestic Product of the country was 5.22% during 2003-04 at current prices.

(c) As per the National Sample Survey Organisation, 55th Round survey, 1999-2000, the estimated workforce in this sector was 11 million in principal status and 8 million in subsidiary status.

Setting up of a manure/fertilizer factory in Khagaria

†4645. SHRI VIDYA SAGAR NISHAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the land from East

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.